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1. REF A NOTED THAT ACAJLUTA AND PORT- AU- PRINCE APPEARED MOST SUITABLE FOR VISITS BY USS SANCTUARY ON THE BASIS OF PRELIMINARY INFORMATION, AND THAT OTHER POSSIBILITIES INCLUDED PUNTARENAS, BUENAVENTURA AND SANTO DOMINGO. REFTEL SOUGHT COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS UPON WHICH TO BASE FINAL DECISION. THE RESPONSES IT GENERATED WERE REVIEWED AND LED TO A JOINT DECISION BY THE DEPARTMENT AND DOD TO MOVE BUENAVENTURA UP ON THE LIST, TO DROP SANTO DOMINGO, AND TO RETAIN THE TWO CENTRAL AMERICAN PORTS AS ALTERNATES. PORT- AU- PRINCE AND BUENA VENTURA WERE SELECTED AS PRINCIPAL PORTS OF CALL BECAUSE IT WAS FELT THAT THE POPULACE LIVING IN THOSE PORTS AND IN THE ADJACENT AREAS WERE IN GREATER NEED OF THE MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE USS SANCTUARY THAN THE OTHER PORTS BEING CONSIDERED. RUSH

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